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The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is charged with providing education instruction at all of our Probation camps and halls. The quality of education and educators has been a priority and of some concern for the Board of Supervisors.

This week, a former LACOE teacher was arrested for allegedly orchestrating fights in the classroom while assigned to Camp Holton. It has further been reported that the subject teacher resigned after LACOE's internal investigation but before discipline could be imposed. While the safety and security of probation youth is a County responsibility, the screening, hiring and disciplining of teachers is the responsibility of LACOE. This incident raises serious concerns over that entire process, including what, if any, discipline would have been imposed had the teacher not resigned.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide a report to this Board in two weeks that:

1. Describes the screening and hiring process that was followed as it relates to this teacher specifically, and the screening, hiring and discipline process that is followed for teachers in general;
2. Identifies any breaches in LACOE's screening and hiring process as it relates to this teacher, and, those responsible for said breaches; and,
3. Provides a list of corrective actions that were taken or are being taken now as a result of this case.

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